

LONG RANGE PLANNING

TO: Plan Review Steering Committee
FROM: Long Range Planning Staff
DATE: June 30, 2000
SUBJECT: Summary Notes from the GMA Steering Committee meeting of
June 14, 2000

Attendance:

Steering Committee Members:

Jack Burkman	City of Vancouver Council Member (P)
Dean Dossett	City of Camas Mayor (P)
Jeanne Harris	City of Vancouver Council Member (A)
John Idsinga	City of Battle Ground Council Member (P)
Mary Kufeldt-Antle	City of Camas Council Member (A)
Craig Pridemore	Clark County Board of Commissioners (Chair)
Betty Sue Morris	Clark County Board of Commissioners
Jim Robertson	Town of Yacolt Mayor (P)
Debbie Smith	Town of Yacolt Council Member (A)
Judie Stanton	Clark County Board of Commissioners (P) Primary (A) Alternate

Public:

Marnie Allen	Consortium of Clark County Schools
Lynn Carman	CCIA, CCN, Three Creeks Library
Foster Church	The Oregonian
Bob Elliott	SW Washington Air Pollution Control Authority
Kathy Folkers	Howsley Law Office
Ken Hadley	Self
Jessica Hoffman	Clark County Home Builders
Jeanne Lawson	Jeanne Lawson Associates
Alison Mielke	Friends of Clark County
Pam Neal	Columbia River Economic Development Council
Cathy Steiger	Self
Deb Wallace	C-Tran

Staff:

Jose Alvarez	Clark County Long Range Planning
Monty Anderson	City of Washougal Planning Director
Bill Barron	Clark County Administrator
Alan Boguslawski	Clark County Community Development
Rich Carson	Clark County Community Development Director
Eric Eisemann	Cities of La Center & Ridgefield
Lianne Forney	Clark County Public Outreach & Information Director
Eric Holmes	City of Battle Ground Planning Director
Mary Keltz	Clark County Board of Commissioner's Office
Patrick Lee	Clark County Long Range Planning Manager
Rich Lowry	Clark County Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Dale Miller	Clark County Long Range Planning
Oliver Orjiako	Clark County Long Range Planning
Marty Snell	City of Camas Planner
Brian Snodgrass	City of Vancouver Planner

Introductions / Roll Call

Called to order 4:00 PM by Commissioner Craig Pridemore. Attendees introduced themselves and their affiliations.

Approve May 17 Steering Committee Notes

No corrections. Notes accepted as published.

County Public Involvement Program update

Lianne Forney, Clark County Public Outreach & Information Director, introduced Jean Lawson, Jean Lawson Associates, consultant for the County Public Involvement Program. Ms. Lawson outlined the work plan in three phases, basically as follows:

Phase I – January through June, 2000

Identify which policies are up for discussion, as identified by the Steering Committee with the aid of county staff.

Phase II – June, 2000 through January, 2001

Inform the public about the process, identify the stakeholders, and engage the citizens through broad public outreach utilizing county-wide mailing, web site, and media coordination.

A letter will be sent to residents who have served on a county or city task force, focus group, advisory group, etc., then group interviews will be conducted. Also, kiosks and presentations to established groups will be utilized. A series of conferences is anticipated.

Phase III – January, 2001 through December, 2001

This phase will focus on the question, “How do we apply the policies fairly and effectively?” Options for consideration for implementing this goal include Citizen Think Tank, Interest Area Discussion Groups, and Sounding Boards.

Commissioner Pridemore indicated that staff should identify and compile issues by next meeting.

Coordination of timing of public outreach processes between the county and the other jurisdictions was discussed. Commissioner Pridemore called on a representative from each jurisdiction who summarized that jurisdiction’s outreach efforts.

Transit Corridors

Eric Holmes, City of Battle Ground Planning Director, presented a vision that should look over the next 50 years, rather than just 20 years, for identifying and protecting transit corridors. He stated that the major urban centers will need major commute routes, and identified those existing ones, which he stated are expected to fail within the next 20 years. Mr. Holmes emphasized that the various jurisdictions’ comprehensive plans need to protect identified future corridors to prevent future development from precluding their feasibility.

Deb Wallace from C-Tran gave a presentation, stating that air quality will be an issue in the future. She described how establishing 15-minute transit service on major arterials will make mass transit more useable for the citizens. Ms. Wallace also indicated that technical advances in the future, such as signal prioritization for buses and vehicle locating equipment for buses, utilizing GPS, can make mass transit more efficient. She emphasized the importance of adequate pedestrian circulation infrastructure in making mass transit functional for the public.

John Idsinga described his vision of a “beltway” concept for transit corridors.

Commissioner Pridemore concluded that additional time needs to be scheduled for in-depth discussion of the transit corridor issue.

Water Re-use

Vick Erlich (City of Vancouver Engineer) provided a presentation emphasizing the re-use of waste water in a way that eliminates the need to find new sources of water.

He described the City’s Marine Park facility as an example of existing water re-use.

Jeanne Harris emphasized the need to plan for the eventuality of water re-use, and indicated that it may need to be integrated into zoning measures to be adopted.

Commissioner Pridemore questioned whether there should be a Comp Plan policy identifying this need. No firm conclusions were noted.

Urban lands adjacent to Resource Lands

Bryan Snodgrass, City of Vancouver Planner, in a brief presentation stated that Vancouver has a disclosure policy of notifying property owners within 500 feet of development proposals. The County notifies within 300 feet.

Marty Snell, City of Camas Planner, discussed the appropriateness of setback criteria for urban development adjacent to resource lands.

Jack Burkman posed the question, "Do we need a Comp Plan policy for zoning to address urban boundary next to resource lands?"

Commissioner Pridemore proposed that the issue be forwarded to the Technical Advisory Committee for recommendation. This was so agreed by the Steering Committee.

Technical Advisory Committee Update

Pat Lee stated that the TAC is continuing to draft policy papers for presentation at future Steering Committee meetings.

Other

Committee members briefly discussed draft future agendas. July will see two meetings being held, dates and locations to be arranged. Among other items, the 60/40 issue will be debated.

Adjourned

The Steering Committee adjourned at 5:38 PM.

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